

## City of Redmond

Citizen Academy  
2007 – 2008

*Welcome!*



## This evening's agenda

- Introductions
- Overview of Redmond's Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Planning Process
- Citizen Roles
- Staff Roles
- Schedule
- Establishing Your Vision



## Introductions

- Building Community
  - Who are you?
  - How long have you lived in Redmond?
  - You are unique – tell us a little...



## Overview of Redmond's Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Planning Process

- 10 Neighborhoods:
  - Downtown
  - Overlake
  - Viewpoint
  - SE Redmond
  - Bear Creek
  - Education Hill
  - North Redmond
  - Sammamish Valley
  - Willows / Rose Hill
  - Grass Lawn



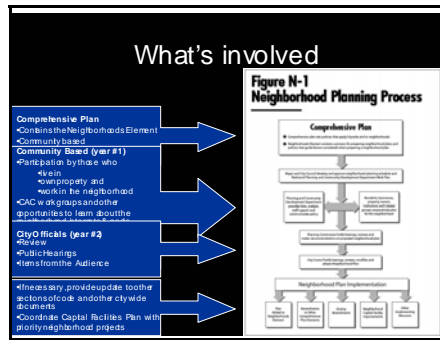
## Neighborhood Planning

- Neighborhood Plan
  - Policies – goals, vision, and concepts
  - Regulations – day-to-day guidelines to implement policies
- Comprehensive Plan → policies
- Community Development Guide → regulations
- Updated at 6-7 year intervals
- Extensive citizen's advisory participation

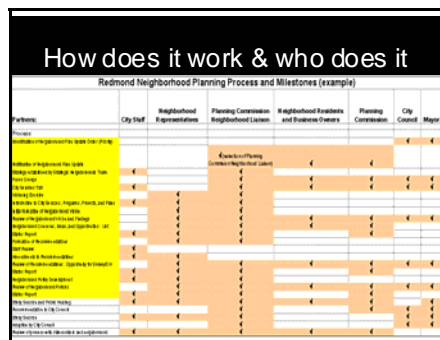


A neighborhood plan consists of policies and regulations that guide changes that may take place throughout the long-term. Policies are those items that address the overall goals and vision of the neighborhood. They may call out a requirement or consideration such as the preservation of native vegetation. Regulations in turn explain the way in which the policies are accomplished in the day to day activities within a neighborhood. In the case of the native vegetation, the regulation may indicate the width and density of required perimeter landscaping for preservation and/or restoration of specific native plant species as screening between existing homes and new development.

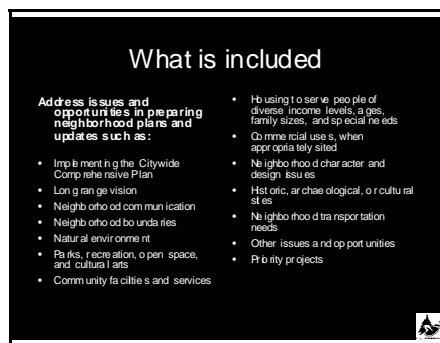
Each of Redmond's 10 neighborhoods have the opportunity for an update to their neighborhood plan. This occurs at approximately 6 to 7 year intervals and includes many frequent opportunities for public input.



A neighborhood may elect a unique model in which the planning and update process occurs. However, the steps, concepts, and goals remain the same for all. A process begins with public participation and ends with adoption by the City Council. Following a plan update, other City documents may also require update.



Many people are involved in the process including residents, property owners, and interested parties, as well as City staff and officials. The entire process may take approximately two years with the first year including the majority of the work by the Citizen Advisory Group. The second year includes review by the Redmond Planning Commission and City Council.



Topics related to daily living, working, and recreating are considered as part of the plan. This list includes those items that may be addressed, recognizing that not all items are appropriate for all areas of the City.

## How

- CAC's and NCC's
  - Liaisons
    - From/to City
    - From/to neighbors
- Citizen Academy & Research
- Work Groups
- Open House
- Coffee Klatch
- Surveys
- Over the Fence
- City Web, RCTV, FOCUS, and Redmond Reporter
- E-mail, HOA's, and existing communication networks



The most essential part of the plan is the liaison relationship that the members of the Citizen Advisory Committee provide. As neighborhood representatives, these individuals relate information between the City and the residents of their surrounding community. Many venues and tools are provided to support the interaction of the neighborhood with the City in order to gain a complete and accurate understanding of neighborhood concerns and ideas for the future.

## CAC & NCC Roles/Responsibilities

- Establish Neighborhood Goals and Vision
- Talk, Talk, Talk
- Listen And Share
- Learn, Research, Investigate and Share
- Participate
- NCC By-Laws, CAC Charter, & Work Group Tips

*Leave Soap Box & Grandstand at Home  
BUT! Please be creative*



## Staff's Roles & Responsibilities

- Represent the CAC, NCC, and Neighborhood Plan
- Assist neighborhoods (you)
- Coordinate, provide information, and seek expert details/advice
- Measure recommendations against citywide Comprehensive Plan
- Construct policies & regulations— ensure consistency with neighborhood vision, goals, & general interests
- Share your (neighborhood) input



City staff serves the Citizen Advisory Committee as a representative. They also provide a wealth of information and research those items that are identified by the CAC for consideration. Staff also accepts public feedback and passes it along to City officials as part of the comprehensive review process.

## CAC or NCC

- CAC
  - Pre-plan update
  - Advise on recommendations
  - Look to long term
  - Represent neighbors
  - Intimate understanding of neighborhood
  - Work with staff and City officials
  - ~Two years
- NCC
  - Post-plan adoption
  - Advise on implementation
  - Examine to day and consider long-term
  - Represent neighbors
  - Intimate understanding of neighborhood
  - Work with staff and City Officials
  - On-going



After adoption of a neighborhood plan, a Neighborhood Citizen Committee may be established. This group, possibly including previous member of the CAC, will follow the day to day implementation of the neighborhood plan. They will also consider priority projects over the long-term. These project and other neighborhood concerns and ideas will continue to be shared with the City in a collaborative and regularly scheduled setting.

## Schedule Coordination

- September 25
- October 9
- October 23
- November 13
- November 27
- December 18
- January 8
- January 29
- February 5
- Tuesdays
- At City Hall
- 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



## First Step

- Neighborhood Vision
  - Identify – independent thought
    - What you like
    - What you need
    - How it looks
    - How it functions
  - Document the details
  - Share the highlights
  - Collaborate toward a neighborhood vision



The neighborhood vision is the first step in updating a neighborhood plan. It allows the residents and CAC to identify those features that they would like to see, maintain, and add to the neighborhood in the future. The vision allows for unlimited creativity while ensuring that it truly represents the overall goals and concepts of the neighborhood as a whole.



### Then...

- Neighborhood Vision Confirmation
  - Neighborhood Vision follows the plan around
  - Neighborhood Vision attends meetings
  - Neighborhood Vision check-in
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- Neighborhood Vision introduces the plan
  - Neighborhood Vision serves the NCC

The neighborhood vision will then follow the planning and update process, allowing the neighborhood to check in and if needed, modify the vision as feedback occurs and the CAC learns about the intricacies of government functions.

### Questions

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